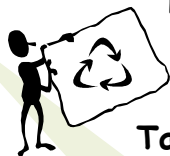


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WINTER GREEN TEAMS IN ACTION!

- **Chris Renfrew's**

4th grade class at **Renton Park** is really tackling recycling at their school! The class learned the do's and don'ts of recycling and created skits to teach the other students in the school. Their team conducts surprise classroom waste audits! Additionally, this Green Team is running an aluminum can drive. They donate the money from the recycled cans to a local camp for children who have suffered serious burns. What a great way to help the environment and the local community!



- **Renton Park** is full of recyclers this year! **Jo Ellen**

Tapper's 4th grade class is also pitching in. They learned all about recycling and are working on weekly "recycling tips" for the school newsletter and morning announcements. They will use the morning announcements to recognize the classes that are doing a great job recycling.

- At **Black Diamond**, **Linda Reiter's** 4th grade Green Team is working hard to reduce their garbage and waste! This class has learned how to become smart shoppers and cut down on their packaging trash. They are taking on the waste-free lunch challenge and making posters to hang throughout the school.



- **Mary Mondt's** 4th grade Green Team is making a big difference at **Lea Hill** this year. They made seasonal art projects from old milk cartons and nature journals from recycle bin paper. This Green Team even has a special group of four reporters who have been keeping an eye on the



school's nature trail. When they spotted trash, they took photos, cleaned it up, and wrote an article about it for the *Mustang Express*. What creativity! For Earth Day, they will decorate Albertson's grocery bags with messages about the environment, then return them to the store for customer use.

- The Recycling Club at **Parkwood** has taken charge of recycling. This after-school club, advised by **Sheryl Lundahl**, **Cynthia Gies** and **Tricia Parks**, meets every Thursday. When the bell rings, they go to work emptying bins throughout the school. In the main office, the students sort the recycling and pull out paper with copies on one side so teachers can reuse them. They are working on an all-school weekly challenge board.

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More great Green Teams...

- At **Woodmoor**, **Sue Moeller's** 1st grade class is learning how to reduce their food waste and become smart shoppers. Students who pack their lunches try to bring them in reusable containers, and take home uneaten food. Those who buy lunch read the menu carefully and only order what they will eat. To gauge the success of this waste-free challenge, this class will compare before and after garbage totals.



- Four** more new schools have joined the swelling ranks of worm bin recyclers! Each class cut down on waste by learning about how worms can be great food scrap recyclers. The newest worm bins can now be found in these King County schools...



At **Bow Lake**, **Brett MacDonald's** 5th/6th grade class and **Jason Dodge's** 6th grade class made new classroom bins and one additional all-school bin.



At **West Mercer Island**, **Nancy Burrill's** 1st grade class has started the school's first bin.



Christian Faith school has a new worm bin thanks to **Mary McFaul's** 5th grade class.



Jeff Craven's 4th grade and **Judith Yates's** 5th grade classes at **Mount View** have started new bins. These classes are working with their school cafeteria to recycle lunch room food waste as well.

STAY IN TOUCH!

Your **Green Team Accomplishments** can be highlighted in the next **Green Gram Newsletter**. If you have a **Green Team** story or project to share, you can reach **Sara** by phone at (206) 583-0655 or send an email to saragr@triangleassociates.com and let her know what your class is doing.

Special Announcement

Are you an Earth Hero? Do you know someone who is?

An Earth Hero is any teacher, student, staff, volunteer, program or school doing exceptional work for the environment in King County.

IT'S TIME FOR RECOGNITION! Please nominate an Earth Hero to receive an award from Executive Ron Sims at a special ceremony in May. For details and nomination applications, call (206) 296-4432 or visit: <http://www.metrokc.gov/earthlegacy>.

*** Self-nominations are encouraged.**



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